

Practitioner's Docket No.: 1027.02

**PATENTS**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Robert L. Wheeler et al.** )

Serial No.: **10/707,590** )

Filed: **12/23/2003** )

For: **Self-Generating Air Cushion Vessel** )

Art Unit: **Unassigned**

Examiner: **Unassigned**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special for this application.
2. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c), no fee is included with this petition.

Very respectfully,

Signature of Practitioner

Reg. No. 28,761  
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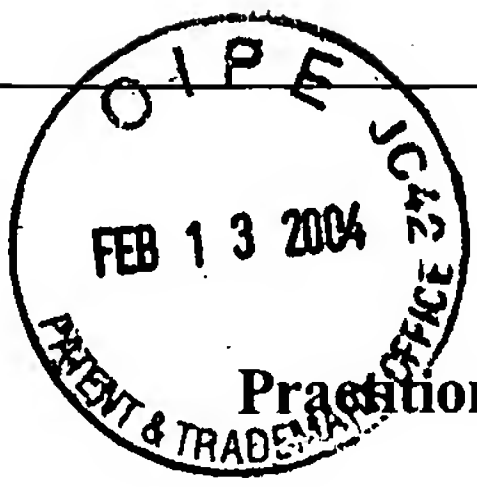
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

(37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE**  
**(37 C.F.R. 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 IV)**

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special because applicants are over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by each applicant that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

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